

David Pollock has served on Moorpark's board of education since 1994 and was board president in 1998–1999. He also served as president of the Ventura County School Boards Association from 1999–2002. He represented Region 11 as a member of the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly and served as a member and chair of the California School Boards Association's Nominating Committee from 1999–2002.

He has also served on the Legislative Committee, the Federal Issues Council, the Collective Bargaining Task Force and as a governmental relations chair and Golden Bell onsite validator. As president-elect, David Pollock served as chair of the Legislative Committee, a board member of the CCS Partnership and a delegate to the National School Boards Association.

David Pollock completed his undergraduate work at Pepperdine University and earned a master's in business administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. He holds a commercial pilot's license and is the manager of market planning for Rocketdyne, a business unit of The Boeing Company.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will thank David Pollock for his service to the Moorpark, Ventura County and California school board associations and congratulate him for his year as president of the California School Boards Association.

CONGRATULATING KIT CARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Kit Carson R-1 Elementary School in Kit Carson, Colorado for being chosen as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of 2004. The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private K-12 schools that are academically superior in their states or have demonstrated dramatic gains in student achievement.

Schools chosen for the Blue Ribbon are meeting the mission of ensuring every child is learning and achieving. Blue Ribbon recipients are national models of excellence from which other schools can learn. I am proud of Kit Carson R-1 Elementary School for serving as a model in the great state of Colorado, and throughout the entire nation.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program requires schools to meet specific assessment criteria. It recognizes schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance in accordance with state assessment systems. The program also rewards schools that score in the top 10 percent on state assessments.

Kit Carson's 37 students scored in the top 10 percent nationwide in math and reading. Additionally, Kit Carson Elementary is only one of 27 rural schools in the nation that received the Blue Ribbon title.

It is an honor to announce this award and it is a testament to the exceptional students of rural Colorado. It proves that a quality education is obtainable when teachers, parents, and students strive for achievement. Com-

pared to other elementary schools around the nation, Kit Carson may be small in size, but it is prominent in its standing.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer my warmest congratulations to Kit Carson Elementary for this achievement.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF CESAR HERNANDEZ

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Cesar Hernandez.

Cesar died on July 5th of this year at age 61. His contribution to New Mexico lives on. Cesar was publisher of the Spanish language newspaper, *La Razon*.

With a circulation of 17,000 copies, Cesar's newspaper is a major source of news and information for the substantial Spanish-speaking population of New Mexico.

This newspaper's importance to the population it serves is difficult to over-emphasize. We live in an era of news up-to-the minute and always available, but to a person who reads or understands primarily Spanish, the sources of information are often rare or incomplete. *La Razon* fills that gap and offers its readers valuable, practical information for their day-to-day lives.

Cesar's family will never forget the day they became New Mexicans, because it was September 11, 2001. Cesar started his newspaper one week later. Cesar logged decades of experience in radio and newspaper, and got his start in Chicago, Illinois. Today, his work goes on in New Mexico under the direction of his wife, Antoinette, and his family.

In three years, Cesar contributed much to his adopted state, New Mexico. As his daughter Leslie put it, "My father loved the newspaper." We're proud to recognize Cesar Hernandez, and we honor his memory and contribution to New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO ORANGE "BUDDY" HAYS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to inform my colleagues of the passing of Orange "Buddy" Hays, one of Miami-Dade County's most quietly effective and dignified patriarchs and a community leader and mentor who had the ability to transform the lives of everyone he met.

Mr. Hays death on Sunday, September 12, 2004, has cast a veil of deep sadness over our community. The funeral services to celebrate his life were held Saturday, September 18, at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Miami, Florida.

Buddy Hays was a good and decent man who contributed greatly to our community, professionally, as a City of Miami police officer and as the District Manager of HUD for more than 30 years. But I knew him, much more

closely and at a young age, as someone who was wise, and strong, and fair—a great role model.

He was like a father and mentor to me, and I've been blessed and inspired by the good words and magnificent examples of this ordinary human being who went about quietly helping youngsters in our community, simply because of his great goodness and the fact that there were youngsters out there who needed his help. My friend, State Rep. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall described Mr. Hays as someone who "... will be missed by so many. He was steadfast and relentless in his mission to make this community a better place, and he did."

Buddy Hays was a delicately drawn character of quiet demeanor and dignified commitment to the well-being and growth of the neediest and most vulnerable in our community. He projected a vision of service and faith. His passing is a terrible loss, but the legacy of his caring and love lives on, and I am part of that legacy.

The world is a better place because of Orange "Buddy" Hays. It would be a high goal for anyone to set to follow the path that he blazed.

RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES T. SEIGFREID

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, Missouri State Representative James T. Seigfreid, a dedicated public servant, will be leaving the Missouri House of Representatives. He is retiring after eight years of serving the people of the 26th district.

After graduating from Warrensburg High School in 1963, he attended Central Missouri State University where he received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1972. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1974.

During his tenure, Mr. Seigfreid had many legislative accomplishments, one of which was the passage of an election reform bill. He also worked tirelessly for the improvement of Missouri's state roads.

In addition to his dedication to public service, Jim is a member of the First Christian Church of Marshall, the State Corn Husking Committee, Marshall Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, and Saline County Unit, American Cancer Society.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Seigfreid has served the people of the 26th District for eight years. As he prepares for the next stage in his life, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing him all the best.

HONORING DR. ARIE HALACHMI, PROFESSOR AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable achievements of Dr.